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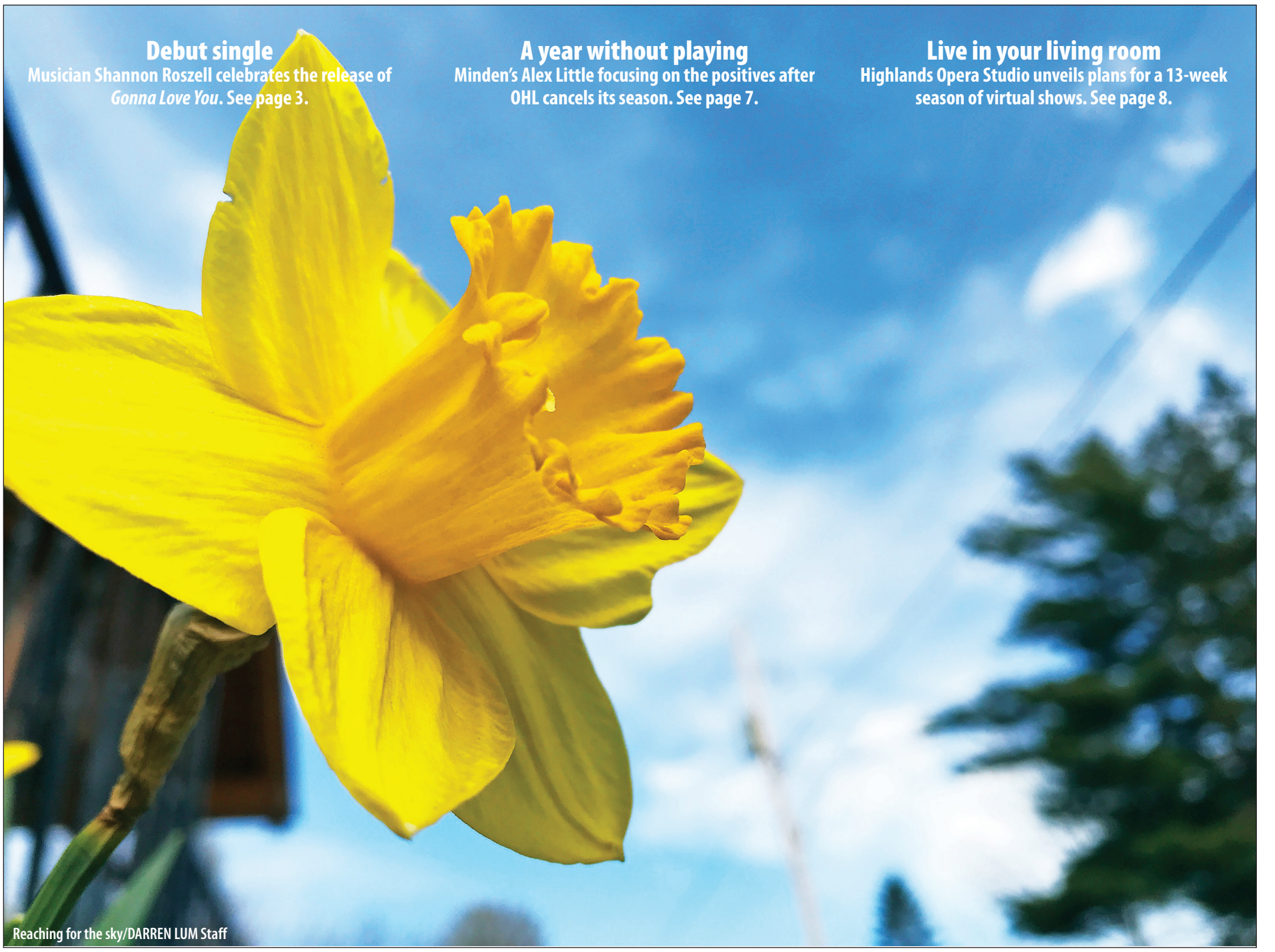

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Paramedic urges public to take COVID-19 seriously

SUE TIFFIN
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Tanisha Gordon moved from Minden to Sudbury to work as an advanced care paramedic. When she shared her story on social media of testing positive for COVID-19, she urged anyone who saw her post to take the virus seriously and follow public health guidelines. /Submitted photo

One morning, Tanisha Gordon woke up with a scratch in her throat.

"The next morning, I woke up with a congested cough, mucous accumulation and nasal congestion and my immediate thoughts were, 'oh no,'" she said.

Scheduled for work the next day as an advanced care paramedic for the City of Greater Sudbury, Gordon was able to get a COVID-19 test booked quickly.

"The 12 hours I was waiting for my results, I remember hoping it would be negative, praying it couldn't be COVID," she said. "Results are in – negative. I coughed with relief. I still felt like garbage."

For Gordon, the next few days were extremely uncomfortable, and she said she hardly moved from her bed except to the kitchen to get more cold and sinus tablets, water and soup. Multiple times a day, she phoned home to her mom, Minden resident and emergency department nurse Kym Gordon, who analyzed her cough and tracked symptoms from a distance. Days later her health began to improve, but after taking another COVID-19 test prior to returning to work, she tested positive for the virus – likely the UK-identified variant of concern - that has plagued the lives of her and so many other healthcare workers throughout the past 14 months of the pandemic.

Gordon said that from a young age, a profession in healthcare and emergency response has been intriguing, in large part because of her mom's work, and her father's role as a volunteer firefighter for almost 18 years now. Though a career as a police officer didn't pan out due to underlying health conditions, she pursued a fitness and health promotion diploma program to learn more about those health conditions, which ended up leading her on her current path.

"During my FHP program, I helped with a paramedics lifting lab and a light bulb switched in my head," she said. "I couldn't believe how clear everything became and the drive I had to follow that path."

A gap year saw Gordon join the Minden Hills Fire Department, working alongside her dad, and taking an online anatomy and physiology program, then applying to a Primary Care paramedic program at Cambrium College in Sudbury.

"I knew very little about paramedicine before this program," she said. "It seemed - in my eyes - as one that was hardly mentioned and never really spoken of. You always hear about fire and police at accidents and such but never much mention about [emergency medical services]. Did my eyes ever open up when I walked into my summer orientation and I am proud to say, my life has changed for the better. Paramedicine is much more than a transfer service. We are medics, not ambulance drivers."

Later, Gordon completed Cambrium's Advanced Care Flight program, and after that, she moved four hours away from home in Minden to join Sudbury's team of advanced care paramedics, just in time for the pandemic.

"My experience has been eye-opening," she said. "Finishing school, I was excited to get into this fast-paced, critical thinking, and exciting career … however, starting during a pandemic was a little different. We are taught now to slow down, we are no good to someone if we get sick. They made policies and protocols for screening and assessing patients from afar in order to don the most appropriate [personal protective equipment]. The increased PPE – gowns, masks, etc. - have been a stress to some, sweating through layers of clothing in a plastic gown and muffling your words through a mask isn't necessarily the most comfortable nor the easiest way to communicate. I still consider myself new, I am thankful for my veterans who remind me to slow down and take a breath every once in a while."

Sudbury has recently seen a surge in COVID-19 and variants of concern cases, said Gordon. For paramedics, they don't know if their patient is positive or negative, and can only assess by way of a

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Musician details her love for music following release of debut single

MIKE BAKER
County Life Editor

Singer/songwriter Shannon Roszell speaks to the *County Life* following the release of her debut single *Gonna Love You*. /SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shannon Roszell's love affair with music began, in her own words, in the most Canadian way imaginable.

"My first memories of music were listening to Gordon Lightfoot while driving around with my mom in the car. It's like the most Canadian thing ever," Roszell admitted.

Having recently released her debut single *Gonna Love You*, Roszell, a member of the Haliburton County Folk Society, shares the unique story behind her foray into the world of music. It's one of perseverance, and should serve as inspiration to anyone looking to chase their dream.

Very much a late bloomer, Roszell was 30-years-old before she really picked up a guitar for the first time. Having spent years in school, completing teachers' college, obtaining a Master's degree in performing arts and beginning a PhD program, Roszell decided to pivot. She had just been through a tough break-up and packed up all that she owned and moved from the Yukon to Vancouver.

"This whole thing basically started with me hitting rock bottom," Roszell said. "I was living in a basement apartment, playing my guitar and singing. I had agreed to sing for my best friend at his wedding, so was practicing for that. I would spend five hours a day, every day just playing."

With each passing day, music became a more significant part of Shannon's life. She attended an audition for the Granville Island Busking program. Before long, she was entertaining people on the streets.

Looking to progress even further, Roszell paired up with another musician. Together, they spent months meeting and playing, toying with the idea of writing a song of their own. This was back in 2013, when, Shannon says, she was still trying to discover her sound and figure out how to truly make music.

It was during those early days that Roszell first conceptualized *Gonna Love You*.

"It took me years to write it, because it's just this really big topic that I didn't really know how to address or talk about," Roszell said. "It started as an improvisation on the environment, how I feel about it and what we should be doing to protect it, and was like 11 or 12 minutes long when I first recorded it."

The finished article, which includes a music video, is four minutes and 15 seconds long and still very much centres on the themes that inspired her all those years ago.

"It's a sort of post-apocalyptic love song to our damaged earth. It is about the constancy of love set in the landscape of environmental decline," Roszell said. "With this song, I wanted to remind people and governments that we need to take environmental action alongside dealing with the pandemic. We need to build back better, healthier and greener."

The single was released on April 22, which also happens to be Earth Day. Roszell was quick to point out that that was no coincidence. Following in the footsteps of global superstars such as Radiohead, Arcade Fire and Barenaked Ladies, Roszell signed the Music Declares Emergency declaration this year, vowing to do her part to "help protect all life on Earth." The declaration has been signed by 2,613 artists across the world, with the mandate of standing together and calling on world governments to respond to the global climate crisis.

Roszell is currently working on an album, which she says will carry a symphonic indie rock sound and feel.

"I think that's kind of my own made up genre, because there really isn't a genre that, I found, describes my music very well," Roszell said. "I call it symphonic because it has all these orchestral sounds in it. It's not rock like you would think, with the traditional backing band. There's no bass, or drums – just me with an electric guitar. Combined, it's a beautiful orchestral voicing that, to me, feels pretty anthemic. It's a big sound."

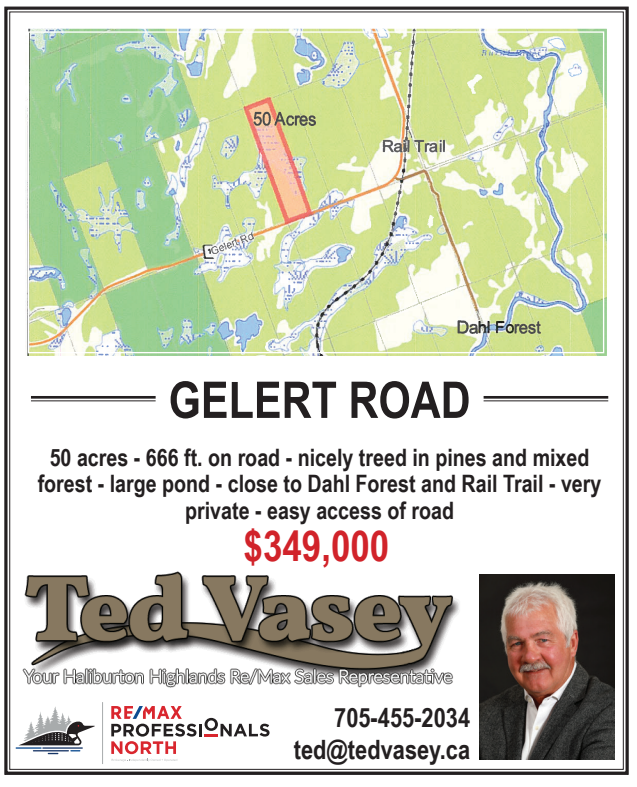
As with most performers, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a spanner into Roszell's plans. She was hoping to release her single and then immediately start playing live shows, steadily releasing more songs from her upcoming album. While those plans have been temporarily shelved, Shannon says she is planning to host an outdoor concert, in some format, this summer.

Where her career goes from there is anyone's guess, Roszell says. She plans to take a pottery course at the Haliburton School of Art + Design this summer to keep her options open.

"It's hard to say where I see this thing going. For me, the more people that hear my music, the better. Am I chasing fame and fortune? I don't think so. The reason I write songs and perform them is because I enjoy making art. It brings me so much joy, internally, to know that I've made music and can share it with people, and talk to people about it," Roszell said. "What I want to do, and what I plan to do is just continue writing and releasing music, doing other things that interest me, and see where that takes me."

As Shannon says, simply going with the swing of things has served her well thus far.

For more on Shannon's career, and to listen to her music, visit www.shannonroszell.com.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screener – asking questions about potential exposure or symptoms.

"I have personally never picked up a patient that I knew, prior to arrival, that they tested COVID positive," she said. "I believe it would almost make it easier, you would be on high alert making sure your PPE was on properly and that there were minimal points of contact. I do know however from my colleagues that it is very unnerving. These patients are deathly sick. Death and COVID is a whole other ball game. Taking patients into the hospital, knowing very well that they likely won't return home and telling their families the unfortunate rule of no visitors at the hospital is heartbreaking. Telling people their loved ones have died through my muffled respirator is my least favourite task."

When not at work, life has been lonely. Gordon said she has spent downtime working out in her apartment, going for neighbourhood walks and binge watching shows on Netflix.

"Due to COVID [restrictions], I never had the opportunity to get out and meet others, which, if you know this field - it is very important to step back and unwind on your days off," she said.

Given her limited down-time activities, Gordon thinks it is likely that she contracted the virus through an exposure at work.

"People have a hard time understanding some terms like asymptomatic and incubation period," she said. "Asymptomatic is a term used when a person shows no symptoms, these people only find out they are positive when a swab has been done for, say, work or a medical procedure. These patients make the contact tracing a nightmare because another term comes into play – incubation period. Incubation period is a term used to reflect the number of days between when you're first infected to when you might see symptoms. The incubation period for COVID is one to 14 days, which means you could have no symptoms from day one up until 14 days after you came in contact with the pathogen. Just because you're asymptomatic, does not mean you won't pass it along to someone who will show symptoms. I have transported a number of patients [who] tested positive later in the hospital. My exposure was likely from a patient who screened negative to my COVID assessment, yet later tested positive. I wore my standard PPE to every call and my enhanced [gear] to every call screened positive."

Many people, worried about potential stigma, have kept their experiences with COVID-19 private. But Gordon instead decided to share her positive status on social media, appealing to those who might still not be taking the virus or public health recommendations seriously in a post accompanied by a photo of her in her work uniform, mask lines deeply embedded in her face. In the post, Gordon writes that she "did everything right," leaving home only for work, groceries and mostly solo walks – she has a walking buddy who is also a coworker. She said "no to family visits, to celebrating special events," and said she "paid the price with my mental health – isolated, lonely and alone." The post was shared more than 100 times.

"My mum mentioned the idea first," said Gordon. "She said due to my platform as a healthcare professional and also knowing the amount of people that I do from around the world, home and multiple college programs, that I had an important audience to share my story with. We were in hopes that it would remind people, a year into this and a million lockdowns later, that it is in fact still, as much of a concern, as before … and maybe even more so. If I can get it wearing my PPE, what does that mean for those who don't believe in it or refuse to follow the recommended public health guidelines. The response has been an overwhelming amount of love and support. I am thankful for everyone that has my back."

Gordon warns others of how many people she had been exposed to, even having taken into consideration all public health measures.

"I thought it was over, I thought I was negative so once my symptoms subsided I went on with my life," she wrote in her post. "I started walking and exercising again, went on hikes with my walking buddy (one), got my taxes done (two, three) picked up my groceries (four), went back to work (five, and six). Do you see how even with me being careful I still have six people I have to contact and tell them sorry, monitor yourself?"

Gordon said she wore a mask, washed her hands, kept her distance, and yet she still got COVID-19, pushing back on an oft-heard argument from those downplaying the spread of the virus that they don't know anyone who has had it, that she is someone they know who became infected with the virus. Those continuing to take unnecessary risks as the province now sees a surge of cases during the third wave draw her ire, especially after the stress of working on the frontlines in taking care of people who are contracting it and in so doing, putting herself at risk.

"I'm sick of seeing these people who don't believe in COVID, and who see all their friends and who are probably walking around asymptomatic," she wrote on social media. "You wear the PPE, or don't and then deal with what I dealt with. Respect me enough to wear a mask and keep your distance."

Gordon is young, lives a healthy lifestyle and had received the first dose of vaccine prior to contracting COVID-19, but said the virus knocked her out with cough, inflamed sinuses, fatigue, body aches and migraines. She spent 14 days in quarantine while symptomatic, and was then put on another 10-day isolation order from public health due to her case of COVID-19 being screened as a variant of concern. She hopes her message will help the people she knows think twice before assuming COVID-19 is something that will only happen to someone else, or that their case will likely be mild.

"I am not going to lie, I was scared," she told *County Life*. "I was very unwell and if my symptoms continued to worsen, a hospital visit would have been next for me. I am thankful that I recovered. My question for all of you is … will you recover?"

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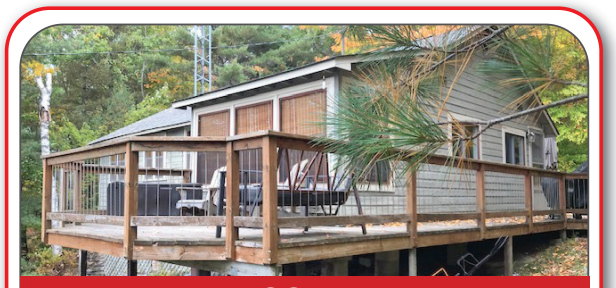

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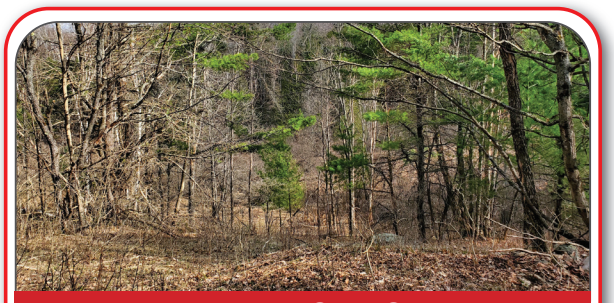

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Those little houses out back

MICHAEL BARNES
Special to *County Life*

This one is for all those Canadians who have ever ventured away from the city and out into the bush or cottage country.

Do join me in contemplating the biffy, the john, the throne room, the outhouse, or, as our friends in the Ministry of the Environment call it, the earth closet.

My first encounter with those necessary parts of rural life was when I went to teach a one-room school in northern Ontario. The job came with a teacherage, that is a house to you. But the back house had quietly decayed and fallen over. Maybe the previous tenant did not have frequent calls of nature.

So I used the architecture of the fallen necessity to build a fine two-holer. It was not so much wanting companionship when I needed to do my duty, but rather that this added to the capacity of this very necessary appurtenance to a home without running water. Actually, I had running water provided that I ran over to the neighbour's well.

I hope this salute kindles memories of the little house out back. They are part of Canadian history. Susanna Moodie of *Roughing it in the Bush* fame would have had one as well, but not as well appointed as some you and I have seen.

Tot up your recollections of the creature comforts of the little convenience out back. Carpets, pictures on the wall, candle holders and lanterns. I know one lady who kept the seat on a hook in her porch. When off to visit that little room in the garden, she crooked the seat on her arm and had a nice warm welcome for her stay there.

Comforts brings me to the second back house I built on Wawa Lake. No thought had been given to the provision for the outdoor necessities when a storm caused someone misfortune and opportunity for the hard up cabin builder. Floating in the bay was what had once been the side of a shed, perhaps 9ft by 8ft.

Cut in thirds with a door and a bit of a roof, it became a helpful part of cottage life. The building was a little on the tall side. This was because boards let into the studs were used to make shelves. There were as many as 300 paperback books there. The biffy was a self-contained lending library.

Muriel Newton White wrote and illustrated the world through her famous best-seller *Backhouses of the North*.

The gems in the book earned their place due to location, appearance or some special merit. One such clever specimen is at Novar, north of Huntsville. Heralded by a fair facsimile of a blue Ontario historical sign, it declares it as inaugurated in a 30 mph wind storm.

Why not take a drive and look for outhouses before they disappear from the landscape.

I go biffy spotting when I can.

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Top 10 things Bill and Melinda Gates are fighting for custody over

BILL AND Melinda Gates are getting a divorce – and, as one of the richest couples on the planet, this is making headlines. The good news is it has been amicable, and it will not affect their charitable foundation and the good work they do. Even so, I cannot imagine that they are not fighting for custody over a few things. Here is my guess regarding the top 10:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Fort Knox.
2. The state of Washington.
3. The keys to the Death Star.
4. The divorce court judge.
5. Philanthropy
6. That last croissant.
7. Their most creative accountant.
8. Their secret kingdom.
9. My fealty.
10. Their shares in the kids.

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Sepia trees sinking into puddles,
their branches blurred by raindrops,
spreading into circles that seep into each other,
fingers of Rain, drumming on the dome of my black umbrella,
drowning my thoughts, as I stand at the edge of a puddle,
that sprawls across the trail,
causing me to pause and peer down at the reflections of the swaying trees,
appearing, somehow, more real, than the trees hovering above me,
their images growing murkier as Rain washes them away.
My feet splash through the forest of floating trees,
shattering branches, as mud swirls up and I slip on a patch of trail,
a rock, cloaked in moss, catching my hand as I stumble,
its plushness softening the rock into a pillow, my fingers lingering there,
feeling the green of the rain soaked moss blanketing the crags and dents in the rock,
smoothing its edges.
I crouch by the rock, my eyes soothed by the erruptions of green,
springing up all around me,
moss crawling over rocks and boulders and up the trunks of birches,
coating roots slithering above ground,
in this green fur,
its brightness a balm for my bleary morning eyes,
that drink in this spring feast sprouting from the forest floor,
as I meander my way along the trail,
inhaling Air, rinsed by Rain, flooding my lungs with a freshness they haven't felt since fall,
a lightness thrumming through my limbs,
as I leap over roots and fallen branches,
veer off the path to plunge my hands into a bath of moss,
muffling the hardness of rocks, the black umbrella wilting at my side,
as I feel raindrops slide down my cheeks, drenching my parched skin,
sloughing off the lethargy that's cocooned me this spring,
soothing the edges that chafe, sometimes,
uncertainty clawing at the periphery of my mind,
like these crows that caw through the Rain, goading me on,
as my feet clomp up hillocks of earth, then skitter back down,
skidding into a puddle where a treetop sways,
its budding branches blurred by
Rain.

Sylvie Kalenda

Minden's OHL prospect sees bigger picture after season cancelled

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

OHL prospect and past Red Hawks player Alex Little was disappointed about not getting the opportunity to earn a roster spot with the North Bay Battalion with the cancellation of the season, but said he was grateful for how he and his family have all remained healthy during the pandemic. Little, who was drafted by the Battalion, is looking to next season to make the team. /FILE photo

A Minden teen is focusing on what he has after learning about the end of the 2020/21 Ontario Hockey League season.

Drafted by the OHL's North Bay Battalion as its 41st overall pick in the 2018/19 draft, Alex Little had aspirations to make the team with a strong training camp.

In April, the league had reached an agreement with the province for a return-to-play plan, but with the provincial stay-at-home order and rising COVID-19 cases the season was cancelled, leaving players like Little disappointed.

However, despite how COVID-19 changed the trajectory for success, it provided the Archie Stouffer Elementary School alumnus with a perspective about what really matters.

"We have to appreciate what we have because my family is all healthy around me. I get to be with them now that I'm back home," he said. "That's a big thing because a lot of people had some tragedies throughout this, so losing hockey for a year, yeah, it's not ideal. I love the sport and I would have liked to be able to play, but looking at the bigger picture in life and still have everybody around me. Being able to be healthy and I can still train, play sports, get outside. I mean all in all it's not as bad as it could have been," he said.

The teen said he returned in the new year to live with his family in Minden and is currently enrolled at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, taking a virtual course.

Little had been living in North Bay with a billet family in 2020 and was attending a local school there, and training in his spare time with a belief that if restrictions lifted he would still get his opportunity.

He said he learned about the cancellation of the season when everyone else did.

"I got an email from the commissioner of the league and he was the one that broke [the news], saying he was sorry, but the season won't be going this year," he said, referring to commissioner David Branch.

When the season was delayed initially, Little saw it as an opportunity to improve.

It gave him motivation to stay in shape and to improve his fitness in terms of strength, agility and footwork. This would put him in a position to seize any opportunities to make the team roster, if a season went ahead.

He said this was owed to how there was a "lot of talk" about players from outside the country, who may not have been permitted to play in the league due to travel restrictions related to the pandemic. He believed a third of players that would have typically played in the league are imports from outside Canada.

"That opened up a door for me and it kind of got my motivation up because it made my chances of making the team a lot higher," he said.

The 18-year-old has been trained the past two years by A.P.E. Training, which is owned by HHSS alum Owen Flood.

With the time Little has had since the season ended, he's been working on gaining weight and strength to be able to compete with other OHL players, who are bigger and stronger, Little said.

"As the summer goes on I'll put in more work [with] footwork, speed and agility. That kind of stuff," he said.

The team, he said, owns his rights for two years, so he'll look to the future for his shot.

"Next year, depending on what happens with COVID here, they most likely will have another camp and that will be my opportunity to try and make it," he said.

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Highlands Opera Studio is back with a bang

MIKE BAKER
County Life Editor

After spending a year in the wilderness, the Highlands Opera Studio roared back to life earlier this month with the first performance in a new online concert series.

From May 2 to July 31, the studio will be releasing 13 newly recorded concerts over 13 weeks, bringing performances back to the most intimate of arenas – your very own living room. The shows will feature popular past and present professional artists from Highlands Opera Studio, as they share a wide-array of musical pieces that are close to their heart.

The mini-concerts will be between 30 and 40 minutes in length, and will cover range of different styles and themes. Shows will be available to enjoy online at any time during the week they debuted until the following Saturday.

"During this past year of turmoil, the performing arts have come to a standstill. While we are yet unable to clearly see the end of this pause on collaborative live performance, we want to give these talented young professional artists a chance to reflect and express through their chosen medium, as well as give our loyal audience a taste of what we have all been missing – the beauty of the human voice," said Valerie Kuinka, general and co-artistic director with Highlands Opera Studio.

The cost to purchase a link to a single concert is $10, while a season-pass for all 13 performances is available for $100. The first concert in the series, which debuted on Sunday, features mezzo soprano Catherine Daniel and pianist Roger Admiral.

Since the organization's launch in 2007, Highlands Opera Studio has consistently produced a summer concert series, organizing up to 20 live public events and performances over the course of a six week season beginning in August. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the studio was forced to cancel its 2020 season.

As well as organizing live performances for the public, Highlands Opera Studio also provides advanced training and professional development in the performing arts through the Highlands Opera Community School.

For more information, visit www.highlandsoperastudio.com.

Special delivery
Thirteen cuddly, soft, Robot Cat Caring Companions were delivered to three local long-term care homes last Thursday. Highland Wood, Hyland Crest and Extendicare were the recipients of a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for this cause. Due to Covid restrictions, LTCH residents have had fewer visitors and more in-home restrictions. These Robotic pets are being used in many LTCHs as part of a strategy to provide comfort and calming activity for residents who may experience agitation or loneliness, particularly during these challenging times. The GoFundMe campaign, organized by Lynda Williams, is continuing to raise money in order to purchase the remaining 12 Robot Cats, with around $2,000 required. Visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/life-like-Cuddly-cat-Companions-for-LTC-residents to help. /SUBMITTED Photo

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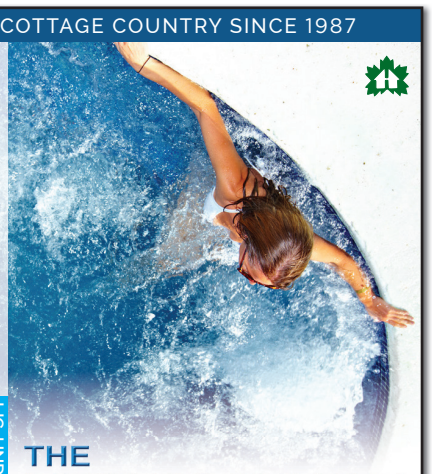

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to boating.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 24 = **A**)

A. **4 24 12 17 5 24**

Clue: Place to store boats

B. **3 22 10 24 5**

Clue: Body of water

C. **7 12 24 9 10 13**

Clue: Make a journey

D. **8 24 9 10 6**

Clue: Curling water

Answers: A. marina B. ocean C. travel D. waves

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to boats.

C S O D K

Answer: Docks

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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BELOW
BULKHEAD
BUOY
CABIN
CHART
CLEAT
CUDDY
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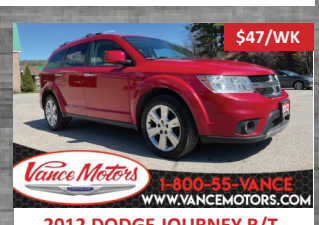

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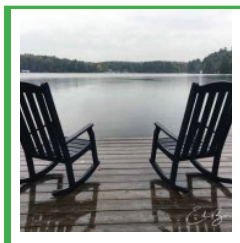

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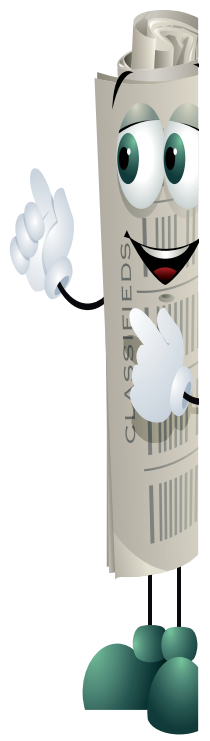

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They're in for life. Don Nye, left, and Pete Dollo, right, pose with Minden Kinsmen Club president Rob Young after being presented with plaques and a life membership in the organization. The presentations were part of the local club's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations which took place Saturday evening at the Community Centre. The award came as a surprise to both Kinsmen.

Kinsmen mark 25th - 2 named life members

Minden Kinsmen celebrated Saturday evening as members of the local service club marked their twenty-fifth anniversary and inducted two of their number as life members in the organization.

The life membership honour was bestowed on Peter Dollo and Don Nye. The two candidates were unaware that they were to receive the honour and, while they were out of the room preparing to enter with the head table guests, a banner proclaiming their new status in the club was strung across the hall.

Prior to receiving the plaques and life memberships, both Kinsmen were roasted by their fellow members. Lyle McKnight recalled a number of humorous incidents involving Don Nye while Eldon Deacon recounted several amusing stories involving Pete Dollo.

Both expressed surprise and pleasure at being given a life membership in Kinsmen and commented that the club activities in helping the community had also enriched their own lives.

Congratulations on the club's anniversary were brought by numerous officials and national Kinsmen executive. Murray Fearrey, the Warden of Haliburton County, and Deputy Reeve Doug Pritchard representing the municipality added their appreciation to the congratulations received.

Members of the Kinette Club of Minden presented the Local Kinsmen with a banner on which the objectives and aims of the club were inscribed.

The evening concluded with a dance.

April weather

by Phil Graham

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Average high	11.8	53.2
Average low	-1.1	30
Average for the month	5.3	41.5
Average for April 1980	5.7	42.2
Highest temperaure, April 3	21.5	70.7
Lowest temperature, April 21	-10	14
Rainfall	83 mm	3.2 in.
Days with thunderstorms	2	

There was only 3/10 of a degree difference between the average temperature this past April compared to last year. The biggest difference was in precipitation. We received one inch more than last year. The lakes were clear of ice by April 5.

Board announces school tax shares

The division of the Haliburton County School Board budget was announced last week and, as expected, education taxes in Haliburton will be increasing an average of 13.5%. The increases varying from a low of 8.9% for the Improvement District of Bicroft to just over 22% for the township of Monmouth.

The board's total budget for the year is up 13.1% to $5,934,000. This is an increase of $685,000 over last year. Of that total 1981 expenditure, the provincial government supplies $2,260,000, leaving $3,428,000 to be obtained through local taxes.

The following chart lists the levy being requested by the school board from each municipality and the per centage increase. The figures in the brackets are 1980 amounts:

Anson, Hindon & Minden: $686,263--13.9% ($602,512)
Cardiff: $173,706--10.4% ($157,290)
Dysart et al: $1,066,092--13.7% ($937,733)
Glamorgan: $217,245--11.4% ($194,953)
Lutterworth: $256,856--12.4% ($228,538)
Monmouth: $138,389--22.1% ($113,345)
Sherborne et al: $314,909--14.6% ($274,731)
Snowdon: $114,217--12.3% ($101,752)
Stanhope: $406,450--12.7% ($360,795)
Bicroft Improvement District: $54,043--8.9% ($49,645)

According to the board of education figures, it will cost $2,030.23 to teach a child at the elementary level during 1981 while education at the secondary level will cost $2,998.02 per student for the year.

Kayak season opens with Ont. team trials

The kayaking season officially gets underway this weekend as the Gull River kayaking takes place at the Horseshoe Lake falls and rapids.

Kayak enthusiasts were in the chilly water last weekend, warming-up for the event this weekend which will help decide members for the Ontario white water kayaking team. The competitions will be taking place May 9 and 10.

Participating in the team trials will be Claudia Kerckoff, a kayaking champion. Claudia is 20 years of age and has been challenging white water since age 12. Her interest in the sport can be traced back to her parents, both of whom hold numerous honours in kayaking.

Her father, Herman, has been the Canadian Men's Champion five times and winner of the North American Championship. Herman also represented Canada at the Munich Olympics.

Claudia's mother, Christa, was the women's kayaking champion in 1969 and 1970 and has served as coach for her husband.

The team trials this weekend will be a prelude to the major white water event of the year at the new run. The Canadian White Water championships will be held June 13 and 14 at the same location with top competitors from across the country taking part.

Waiting tensely on the starting line, participants in one of the many running events during the HHSS track and field meet listen for the sound of the starter's gun. The high school meet was held Wednesday to select competitors for Kawartha West inter-school competitions scheduled for this week at HHSS. For the results of Wednesday's meet, turn to page 8.

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